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Dear Doctor You,

By an untimely accident I  
see you are still at work, and will doubtless  
continue in harness as long as strength remains  
to wear it.

In the article I was mainly interested in  
the Malvaceae, and I don't know that I dis-  
agree of course of your suggestions - much,  
but I don't like Mr. Smith's name thrown into  
relation with *Casiocarpus*. You write me about  
Schrad. & Wendland. The flowers are pink - never  
yellow, and then where does the one called  
incanus in C. H. (where the flowers are yellow)  
go? Perhaps you write it with *H. - Eloshectus*.

What I considered *H. Curtin* is just *H. melitensis*  
as you suggest, except that the corolla is  
bell-shaped - little longer than the calyx.

*Malvastrum quicatum* paid us a visit of a  
year or two, then disappeared.

I note varieties, but will call *Sida* *Sida* say  
to be in question. By that tall large-fl. form is  
*S. acuta*, Burm., very back in to an Asiatic form  
which apparently has nothing to do with it. Listen  
"fol. lin lance" - no "Carpel. 5-bisect" - Not at all, "St.  
pallide lutei" - not a bit of it - the deepest & in places  
yellow I know *S.* I suppose I have seen  
the description in the Bot. a hundred times, but never  
dreamed that I had the plant in my garden. I  
wonder if you could give me a...

As nearly all or some are elaborated  
in the closet, I sometimes think <sup>that</sup> ignorance  
of the habits of plants not unconsciously inter-  
feres with a just discrimination of species.

Well, after taking leave of you at that flying  
visit, I started for home, but was laid up  
in Rome for two weeks, & finally & thankless  
got back here to my big arm-chair where  
I have remained, half dead, ever since, &  
now am impatiently waiting for weather  
warm enough to throw out. We are having  
frost nearly every morning, when we ought  
to have milder Spring breezes.

Did you ever find out the possibility  
of getting that part of the Prod. that contains  
Boissier's Euphorbiae, <sup>& the last vol.</sup> & Nieboer's H. W. Indies  
of which you were doubtful?

Whiled through, I enclosed a sitting at  
the Photographin in Boston with the result  
enclosed.

Yours most cordially,  
G. M. Chapman.